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Tiger Homecoming

Loss sets FHSU back to 3-3, with hope to bounce back against Missouri Southern

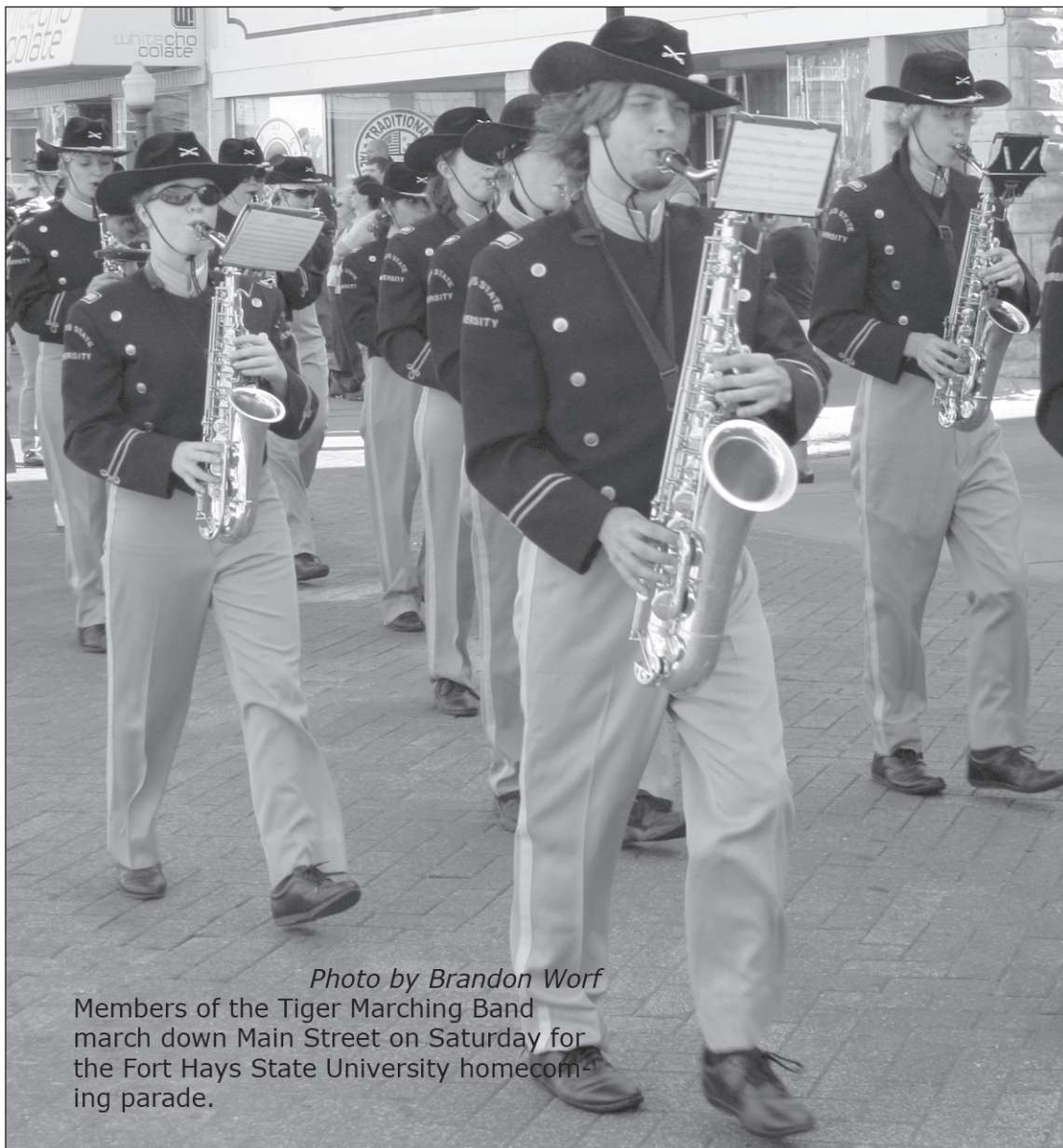


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Members of the Tiger Marching Band march down Main Street on Saturday for the Fort Hays State University homecoming parade.

Mike Courson
Features Editor

After a promising start, the FHSU football team has dropped two straight, including Saturday's 37-9 Homecoming loss to Missouri Western State University.

Things began to go awry for the Tigers when MWSU intercepted a Shane Jackson pass and returned it 26 yards for the opening score of the game.

A blocked punt on the next possession gave the ball to MWSU on the 20-yard line, and they scored shortly thereafter to make it 14-0 early in the first quarter.

Even when things looked favorable for the Tigers, the Griffons were able to come out ahead.

Pinned deep in their own territory and facing 3rd down and 24 to go, MWSU scored on a 94-yard pass play from Drew Newhart to Cedric Houston.

Down 20-0, FHSU was able to put together a drive in the second quarter.

The Tigers drove all the way to the Griffon 7-yard line before stalling. Justin Barr missed the 24-yard field goal, and the Tigers would never get inside the Red Zone again.

However, the Tigers would get points on the board with a 41-yard field goal from Barr, then a fumble recovery in the end zone.

The Tigers trailed 20-9 at the half.

FHSU could not find a working offense in the second half, and the Griffons added 17 more to their total for the 37-9 final.

Newhart finished completing 18 of 32 passes for 277 yards, with Houston being his favorite on the day, catching four passes for 150 yards. For the Tigers, Jordan Hickel rushed for 64 yards on 18 carries.

Shane Jackson and Ryan Salyer each completed half of their passes for 84 and 35 yards respectively. The loss drops the Tigers to 1-3 in the MIAA, 3-3 overall.

Up next, the Tigers travel to Joplin, Missouri to face Missouri Southern.

The Lions are 2-2 in the MIAA, 4-2 overall, after a 26-20 loss at Washburn this weekend. MSU had the ball deep in Ichabod territory late in the game with a 20-17 lead before a Washburn defender intercepted a pass and returned it near midfield.

The Ichabods would score on the ensuing drive to go up 24-20, and would add a late safety for good measure.

The Lions are led on offense by quarterback Adam Hinspeter, who was completed 118 of 184 passes for 1133 yards on the year. He's thrown 13 touchdowns and just 5 interceptions. In the backfield, Renard Johnson and Alley Broussard split duties.

Johnson has 588 yards and 2 scores on the year, while Broussard has 533 and 8 touchdowns under his belt.

Defensively, the Lions are giving up 18.7 points on 303.7 yards a game. The kickoff in Joplin is scheduled for 2 p.m. this Saturday.



Photo by Brandon Worf

Spectators take in the homecoming parade on Saturday.



Photo by Zach Becker

A man peruses the food selection at a booth on Oktoberfest.

Worf responds to feedback from readers

This week is proving to be relatively difficult to center on one single concept, so I've decided to do a reader feedback and question answering session.

The last couple of months, I've received a lot of verbal and written comments on my material, and some questions that some people would like me to answer in print. Thus I'm going to take that opportunity today and answer some questions and recap some previous column issues.

First off: the wind farm. The issue is all but dead for now, but FHSU is now pursuing it's own form of wind power, which I'm sure the belligerent and delusional sectors of the opposition are just *thrilled* about, but it keeps the debate rolling I guess.

An FHSU faculty member discussed my vehemently terse column on the wind farm initiative being voted down (over preposterous and highly pretentious reasons), and said to me, "So, Brandon, I take it you were a little tongue-in-cheek when you wrote that article?" The simple answer: yes. But that's putting it mildly.

I did have another individual whom wrote me an indirect email response about that column, and while it had good intention, it didn't have much structure or reasoning behind it. I'm still trying to figure out what the main point was behind his responding arguments.

My most recent column on the issues of driving too slow and

turn-signal use got some mixed reactions. One reader even went so far as to email me, claiming I should be hired by the State of Kansas to represent the DMV in driving education programs.

While it's flattering, I doubt my insanity-laced style of driving is hardly admirable, but I do have to say that I'm courteous at the least.

Another person told me that if I was having issues with slower drivers impeding me, I should leave earlier.

Well, here's my answer to that statement: drive faster. Some of us have places to go in a relatively timely manner.

What really surprised me, was the fact that a few people

told me that they were unaware it was even legal to turn right on a red light.

Granted, most of these people were over the age of 40 and probably didn't take Driver's Ed, but it's still pretty common knowledge anymore.

Ignorance is not accepted as valid anymore. Pay attention. And use your damn turn signals for cryin' out loud. It's required by law.

I've had some people ask me, "Well, what do you think of the proposed [FHSU] name change?"

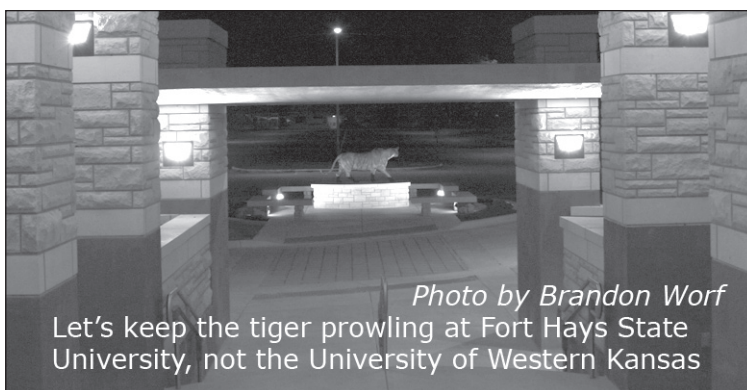


Photo by Brandon Worf
Let's keep the tiger prowling at Fort Hays State University, not the University of Western Kansas

I simply have to say, "You haven't read my other column yet." I covered this surreptitious subject two issues ago, and provided everything in the form of my educated opinion on the subject. One guy audibly laughed at my analogy of renaming the University of Kansas to the University of the Kansas City Metro Area. I didn't really intend to be funny, but I'll take the laughs.

One reader asked me, "What's your opinion on the I-70 Corridor projects?"

After sending her a copy of my column written awhile back on the City of Hays' misguided efforts at bringing retail businesses to town, I sent her my other copy of a column containing a bit on the construction efforts.

She responded, "Don't remind me (about the construction). The traffic is horrid." I couldn't have said it better myself.

On that note, when is the City going kick the contractors in the ass and get that stuff done? For what little ground they're covering, it's taking an awfully long time to get it finished.

The more I think about it, the more I realize there's probably a

reason for that, and it probably has to deal with overtime agreements in the contract (I gotta remember to just follow the money trail).

So there you have it. I want wind

power, I want people to drive faster, use their turn signals, and turn right on red lights (unless marked otherwise). I'd like to see the City quit dragging its heels and get the major projects done already (winter is coming I might add). The university doesn't (and shouldn't) change its name, no matter what some whimsical marketing strategy says, and should continue with the planned wind farm. Oh wait, that's right, they are.

Until next time, if you have questions, feel free to contact me: verbally in person, or in writing. I'll gladly take the feedback.

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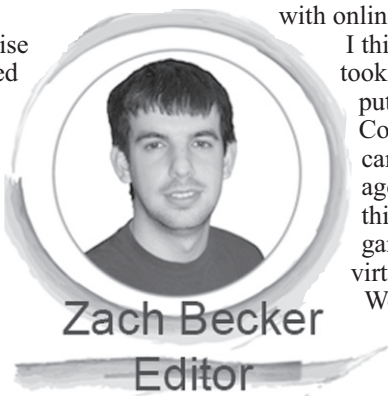
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Online gaming has come a long way

Here I am, minding my own business, admiring the view, when all of the sudden. Bam. Melee attack from behind. Killed instantly. To make matters worse, the last thing I hear is a garbled, high-pitched voice of some pre-pubescent New York kid laughing at my ineptitude, speaking with vulgarities he shouldn't be using at such a tender age. Oh, the power Xbox Live has to unite the peoples of the world in peaceful slaughter through games like Halo 3. But this is one battle I didn't think I would be a part of. I've always owned Nintendo machines. I've got everything from a NES to the Wii. A couple weeks ago, though, I mentioned something to my fiancé Jenny that Halo 3 was coming out, but unfortunately

it is only on Xbox 360. Well, much to my surprise (and delight), she surprised me with an Xbox 360 and Halo 3, as well as a few other games. And I've barely left the television since. While the single player experience is good, after booting up to Xbox Live, I must say I'm very impressed. The ease of use is just amazing and playing against real-life people is even more fun. Everything from basketball, to racing, to Halo 3, the internet connection barely skips a beat. If only my skills were so good. It's a far cry from my early experiences



with online gaming. I think the first game I ever took online was the computer game Command and Conquer: Red Alert, which came out about 10 years ago. For those unfamiliar, this is a real-time strategy game where you control a virtual battlefield set in the World War II of an alternate timeline. It also came packed with a two player, direct-connect feature. My friend Josh and I both loved the game, so painstakingly, we connected up through the modem via the phone line. The connection was slow, often interrupted, and, of course, no one could call our parents' houses for hours on end.

I'll never forget the time, after about three or four hours of building up our forces, Josh sent his armies marching towards my base. Just as he was rounding the pass, my nuke was ready, and... Boom. I wiped out his entire army in one fell swoop. Kicking butt like that against the computer was one thing, but against a person was entirely more rewarding. I saw the potential for online gaming then, but it is not until recently that the potential has been harnessed into a sleek, competitive, stable and entirely fun experience. Now it's time for me to get back at it, even if I have been getting slaughtered by seemingly every 10 year old on the planet. Thank you Xbox Live.

Faith doesn't have to go without logic

A friend I haven't seen in over ten years, or talked to in over two, recently wrote a letter to me about our differences of faith. It's a difference that has always existed between us, and one we have always been able to debate in a civil manner. Through the tone in his latest letter, and my willingness to respond in a similar voice, it is clear that we've grown further apart. My friend correctly asserts that all humans have faith. It is in the varying degrees of faith that we differ. While some may point to the sky when they talk about faith, I often point to my truck, visible

to the naked eye. I've put many miles on that truck, and it has yet to explode and kill me. Therefore, each time I drive it, I have faith that I will not be killed in a mechanical explosion. Is that really faith? Yes. I can never be absolutely certain that it will not explode, yet I believe. The difference is my belief could be converted into a probability statistic with a little ambition. Though this is not the type of faith you hear about on Sundays, we all have it, and it's just as important. Without it, we would all be shivering cowards who never left the house out of fear of the millions of things that could kill us, but probably never will. That in mind, I've always found it upsetting that logical



minds are often considered lesser than spiritual minds. So I expect exact explanations and expect claims to stand up in the face of evidence and logic. Really, this is so bad? This country has never had a non-Christian president. Which is scarier: a president who acts on observation and interpretation of fact, or one who more or less acts from the gut? Furthermore, as a fan of the scientific method, I find it a little troubling that faith has so much importance in everyday life. I believe absolutely in the freedom of belief. The problem is, some believe their beliefs are the only right ones. If they could just prove it without referencing their religion--circular reasoning is a

logical fault, after all-- I might just excuse the history of murder, torture, and discrimination throughout humanity. But they can't prove it. It all comes down to faith. All that faith got me thinking. How does a gut feeling become the standard of proof? What would the world be like if gut feelings took precedent over evidence in other facets of life? One needs to look no further than our court system for the answer. Imagine a man being arrested for murder. He's accused of stabbing another man to death in the middle of the day, in the middle of the street. All the evidence, however, points to his innocence. All but one victim said the suspect was across the street at the time of the crime. When police arrest him, he has no blood on his clothes, despite the bloody and up-close nature of the crime. The only evidence police have is the testimony of the half-

drunk, half-blind witness who saw the crime from a block away. In trial, an average prosecutor makes his case before a jury. When he's finished, a top-notch defense lawyer exposes the case for all that it is: a sham. Witnesses speak on behalf of the suspect. Experts testify to the lack of evidence. The entire trial takes less than a day. The jury deliberates for less than an hour. A guilty verdict sends a rash of murmurs throughout the courtroom. How did this happen? The suspect is hit the hardest by this news. He sits and weeps as the judge reads the sentence. On his way out of the courtroom, he asks the jury foreman how, with all that evidence suggesting otherwise, they could have possibly convicted him. The foreman's answer is simple: mister, we had faith of your guilt. All of a sudden, empirical evidence and rational minds don't seem like such a bad thing.



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Oktoberfest events hypocritical

Drunk-and-disorderly-fest is over, the circling helicopter is gone, and life has returned to normal in Hays. But a hangover still remains. The hypocrisy of Oktoberfest is astounding. In our grade schools, middle school and high school, great care is taken to educate students against the dangers of alcohol, yet the city itself provides a venue for what accounts to a giant kegger where public intoxication is not only allowed, but encouraged. Alcoholic excess seems to be the key of the event. The city discourages underage drinking, yet mobilizes a large police force, many of them undercover, to write citations and issue fines for the myriad of underage drinkers that the city knows Oktoberfest will attract. Fort Hays State University has clear policies discouraging against the use of alcohol, and the Kelly Center works year-round to help those with alcohol and substance-abuse problems, yet the university's entire Homecoming weekend is based around this beerfest. FHSU President Ed Hammond

is even the chairperson for the National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, yet there he is every year, helping tap the keg for the Oktoberfest festivities. The bottom line is that Oktoberfest is a moneymaker. It draws in people from throughout the area. University groups can often base their entire budget off of this one event through the sale of foods and/or T-shirts. The city makes money not only through the additional sales-tax revenue from visitors, but also through the myriad of fines and citations law enforcement issue during the event. Some might claim that Oktoberfest is just a celebration of German heritage. But if that is the case, why did the Volga Germans break off and form their own Midwest Deutsche Oktoberfest? Others might argue that Oktoberfest is just a great way for friends to get together and have a good time. But is public drunkenness really the only way for a person to have fun with their friends in Hays? Alcohol is a dangerous sub-



Photo by C.E. "Bud" Brann

stance. Abuse of it can lead to drunk driving, violence and other dangerous situations. Binging, a common activity at the parties after Oktoberfest, can even have deadly consequences through alcohol poisoning. Why would the city and the university hold an event that encourages excess, and often underage, drinking? Obviously, the answer is money, but at some point the risks versus rewards becomes too great and the hypocrisy of it all too obvious. It is time for both the city and Fort Hays State to reevaluate

Oktoberfest. The event should be about having a good time with friends, while indulging in some food and drink. It should not be primarily centered on getting drunk and going to parties, while having a little fun with friends. It is time for the university and the city to stop preaching against alcohol abuse, while annually hosting the largest kegger in a 200-mile radius. Let's see an end to the hypocrisy. -Zach Becker For the Editorial Board

Fenberg paved way for women lawyers

My most unforgettable character is one who once wrote about her most unforgettable character in the Readers Digest series by that name.

I met Matilda Fenberg in Chicago in the 1960's. She lived in the apartment between mine and that of Dale, an old Kansas college pal.

We lived in the Del Prado Hotel in the Hyde Park section of Chicago. Dale and I moved in when that venerable hotel had been completely remodeled and some rooms were converted into apartments. Matilda had lived there all her adult life.

Matilda was a fascinating person who had lived a fascinating life. She was the first woman to "matriculate" at Columbia University Law School.

She always emphasized the

word "matriculate" as she was not the first woman to graduate from Columbia Law School, and that is a story in itself.

The year she expected to graduate, as the first woman law graduate, she was informed she lacked one course to graduate, a course she insisted she had taken.

In those days a law degree was not required, so Matilda returned to Chicago, without a degree, passed the bar exam and began the practice of law. Decades later, as Columbia built a new law school building they were moving an old

file cabinet and behind it, discovered a card showing she had indeed taken and passed the required course, and therefore should have been the first woman to graduate from Columbia Law School. Columbia had a Matilda Fenberg day and gave her the law degree, decades late.

After passing the bar exam, Matilda went to work in the law office of famed attorney Clarence Darrow, of the Scopes Monkey Trial fame, and indeed most of the famous legal cases of the 20's and earlier. The Readers Digest published her article on her most unforgettable character, Clarence Darrow, in April, 1959.

Matilda used to regale us with stories of the roaring 20's, depression 30's, and war 40's. She told us of having dinner with Clarence Darrow in famous Chicago eateries, sometimes sitting at a table next to Al Capone and other famous gangsters of the era.

She knew everyone who was anyone in the city of the big shoulders, the gangsters, the politicians, (sometimes they were one and the same) the famous lawyers and lawmen, the wealthy and the poor.

Chicago was probably the most vibrant and exciting, not to mention crime ridden, city in the country in that era. The St. Valentines Day massacre, John Dillinger, Al

Capone; Matilda not only lived during that era, as an associate of the most famous lawyer of the time, she lived it.

The Del Prado was an ideal home for young bachelors like Dale and me. The hotel had 3 restaurants, and 3 bars.

A health club, one restaurant, and one bar were on the roof where we spent many a summer weekend. Only one block from Lake Michigan with a park across the street it was a beautiful location.

It had the maid service young guys needed, but also a kitchenette so we could cook, if the mood struck us. But cooking was something Matilda never learned. She devoted her life to the law, had never married and, as I said, had lived in the Del Prado for decades.

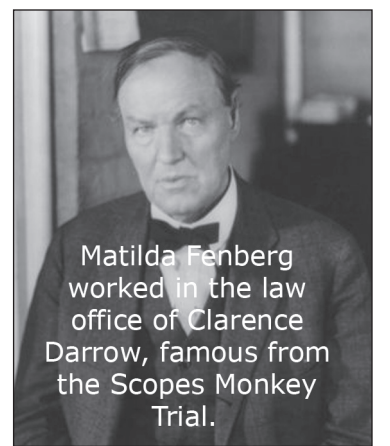
With her new kitchenette she decided, after eating nothing but restaurant food for 50 years, to try cooking.

She knocked on Dale's door to ask him how to make a hamburger. It seems she didn't know how to make a hamburger patty.

She just cut off a chunk of hamburger and tossed it in a frying pan. She was somewhat distraught when it broke into small pieces instead of forming a patty.

While the Del Prado had some benefits ideal for single guys, it had another benefit for Matilda. It was only two blocks from the elevated train platform.

For decades she had taken the "El" to her law office. When I met her she still went to the office every day, the same office she



Matilda Fenberg worked in the law office of Clarence Darrow, famous from the Scopes Monkey Trial.

had shared with Darrow, although with the infirmities of age she could no longer climb the steps to the train platform.

Never mind, the downtown bus stopped at the Del Prado and she took the bus to the office, although it took three times as long.

Today, women are lawyers, judges, prosecutors, police officers, and politicians. I wonder how many of them have even heard of Matilda Fenberg, a true woman pioneer in the field of law, a giant who walked with the giants of her time; yet a little old lady so naïve, she didn't even know how to make a hamburger.

Authors note: In researching the internet,

I found an article which stated that Matilda Fenberg was the first woman admitted to Yale Law School in 1919. I believe this to be wrong.

If memory serves, Matilda told me she was the first woman admitted to Yale University, but the first woman admitted to Columbia Law School.

Another web site seems to confirm my memory, in that another woman was listed as the first Yale Law school graduate in 1919.



Matilda Fenberg helped pave the way for future female lawyers and judges, such as Sandra Day O'Connor, first female Justice of the Supreme Court, shown here.



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An Oktoberfest reunion for the Crispins

C.E. “Bud” Brann
Staff Writer
For the Crispin family, Oktoberfest is not just a time for hanging out and drinking beer, it is a time for the family to get together. You see, all five of the Crispin “children” attended FHSU, so every year they and their kin use Oktoberfest as a time for a family reunion.
As an uncle to several in the clan, I also attend these reunions.

The event brings in the family from quite a distance. Kelley the “baby” of the family held the honor for coming the greatest distance to attend, flying in from Memphis.
Carey and his wife Eve came in second; driving in with their three daughters from Shawnee, Kansas.
Chris and Sherry had the shortest journey, as they are Hays locals.

Perhaps the most unusual regular attendee is a doll named Chucky. More on that later, though.
Certain events for the Crispin family have become traditional. Each Oktoberfest Friday begins with coffee, fruit and sweet rolls at Harold and JoAnn’s home, then the entire clan moves to the park to lay claim to the traditional Crispin table. Lunch is beer, brats, and, well, all the traditional German food. Did I mention beer?

The afternoon is given over to the grandkids for skating, swimming or whatever they decide, while the adults are usually ready for an afternoon nap.
Friday evening was slightly different this year as Chris’s son Andrew plays football for TMP and we all went to the TMP homecoming game.
This was followed by the traditional pizza night and convivial conversation and..... did I mention beer and other beverages?
Saturday starts again with a light breakfast then we all walk the two blocks to watch the FHSU homecoming parade.
This is followed by lunch which is contributed to by each family and always consists of several different soups, sandwiches, fruits and cheeses.
It may surprise some to learn that attendance at the FHSU homecoming game is not traditional. The rest of Saturday is given over to family events and socializing. Each year, one person is in charge of planning and scheduling and the plans always include various games and contests.
These have ranged from weird scavenger hunts to written and always humorous tests, prizes included. Kids and adults volleyball is always traditional.
Also traditional is a “Buster Bar” dessert made by JoAnn which she always tries to hide, but has not yet been successful as the “boys” long ago set a goal to always find it and eat part of it.
JoAnn has even tried hiding it at a neighbor’s house. It didn’t work. This year they found it in a freezer, replaced



Photo by C.E. “Bud” Brann
Members of the Crispin family tree take time to admire the infamous “Chucky” doll. Unfortunately, this year Chucky was unable to attend the annual reunion at Frontier Park.

it with ice, then had Chris and Sherry bring in the actual buster bar saying Sherry had made it. JoAnn then wondered what on earth they would do with two giant buster bars..... Until the container where “her” buster bar was supposed to be found was opened.
Dinner is whatever one wants and the only requirement is that it be brought to the house so all can eat together; or all go to an agreed upon restaurant.
This is followed by family reminiscences; each trying to come up with the most embarrassing true story about someone’s misspent youth. The trick here is to attempt to prevent the teenage grandchildren from learning how dad or mom did all the things they tell them not to do. Beverages are consumed. Did I mention beer?
Sadly missed this year was “Chucky,” another tradition. Chucky was an old discarded doll JoAnn found in an alley and cleaned it up, thinking the grandchildren would like it.
They didn’t!
It resembled the evil Chucky of horror movie fame. For several years now it has been the goal of whichever family member last got Chucky, to present him secretly to another family member.
Chucky had been found attached to the bumper of a car as someone departed for home, hanging from a tree and in my sister’s bed. After that event chucky was equipped

with his own suitcase, heavy coat and a little chair and was deposited at Chris’s door while they were out for the evening. Chucky has his own journal and has traveled from coast to coast. Chucky has been kidnapped and mutilated and held for ransom.
The ransom, a pizza, was paid but as a result of that cruel mutilation it was necessary to perform surgery; else he would have become Chuckette instead of Chucky.
He has been photographed in famous locations throughout the country. Chucky has gone through several changes, in one photo he was seen as a bum, unshaven, filthy clothes, with a whiskey bottle and package of cigarettes. He has been caught at Oktoberfest drinking beer.
He became so alienated that he once turned Islamic terrorist and was photographed with a suicide bomb around his waist. Chucky missed this year’s reunion for the first time, as he has again been kidnapped by a family friend and is now in New York City and headed for Europe.
In truth the recent Crispin Oktoberfest celebrations have become somewhat more sedate since the grandchildren arrived.
Gone are the days when one son had such a tremendous hangover they placed a daisy in his hand as he lay prone in bed, and brought in a fake Priest to give him the last rites.
Still, it was probably a good thing that all the younger grandchildren fell asleep prior to the witching hour and before Tina’s duties as designated driver were required.

FHSU Foundation announces new endowed chair position

Fort Hays State University has received a commitment that will lead to the creation of a new endowed position.
“We are here this morning to recognize the philanthropic spirit of two very special people,” Tim Chapman, president and CEO of the FHSU Foundation, announced during a news conference today at the university’s new Robbins Center. “Brooks and Gail Kellogg of Steamboat Springs, Colo., have made a commitment of \$250,000 to establish

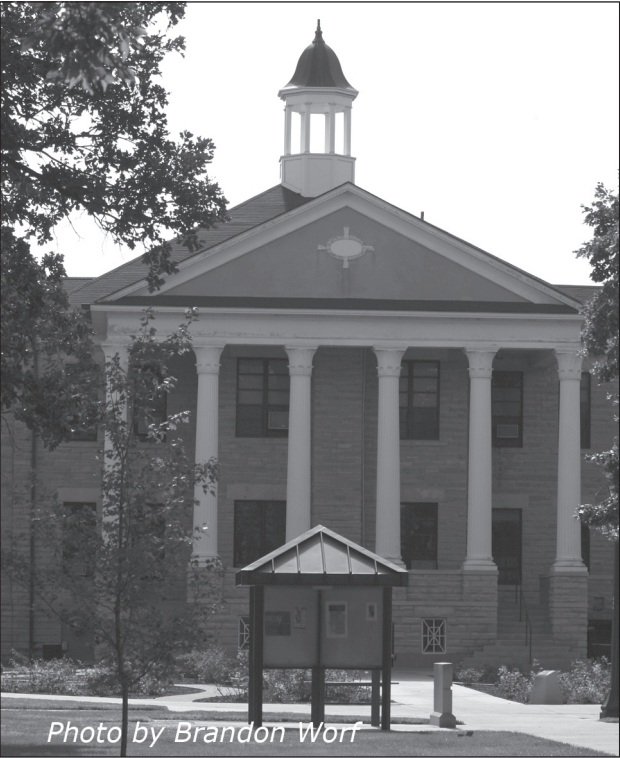


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a chaired position at FHSU in recognition, honor and support of the eighth president of the school, Dr. Edward H. Hammond.”
Chapman said the gift was yet another example of the couple’s unending dedication to FHSU. Brooks Kellogg, a 1965 graduate, received his degree in communication.
“The Kelloggs are true entrepreneurs in every sense of the word with involvement in various business ventures worldwide,” Chapman said. That entrepreneurial spirit has extended into Hays over the past several years, with participation in creation of the Stadium Place student condominiums at FHSU and conversion of an historic downtown Hays movie theater into the Fox Pavilion.
“The Kelloggs have been deeply involved in the FHSU Foundation and Alumni Association,” Chapman said. “Brooks has served on the boards for both organizations and continues to serve on the Board of Trustees for the Foundation.
This type of commitment is a true testament to the dedication and passion the Kelloggs have for Fort Hays State University.
“Brooks and Gail could not be with us today,” Chapman said, “but asked me to share these comments: ‘We would like to recognize Ed for his leadership, guidance unending spirit for higher education, his 20-plus years of service to FHSU, and for being a life-long friend, and we will make this gift in honor of his dedication to the university and name the position the Dr. Edward H. Hammond Chair.’ “
Chapman said Brooks went on to say: “Gail and I would like to extend a challenge to the many others Ed has touched both on an educational and personal level to support this chair.’ “ Chapman said the Foundation would like to bring the fund up to a level of \$2.5 million in recogni-

tion of President Hammond.
President Hammond expressed his appreciation to Brooks and Gail Kellogg for their generosity to the university. “I thank them for their continued support,” the president said. “It’s an honor that such prominent alumni would want to recognize me and my 20 years of service in such a meaningful way.”
There are two other endowed positions, both professorships, supporting faculty at the university.
The first was the Anschutz Endowed Professorship in Education, announced in June 2002.
Philip Frederick Anschutz and Sue Anschutz-Rodgers, of Colorado, and the Anschutz Family Foundation donated \$300,000 in memory of their mother, an FHSU alumna, to create the position in the College of Education and Technology.
In May 2003, the president announced that Dr. Paul Adams, an FHSU professor of physics, had been selected after a national search to fill the Anschutz Endowed Professorship in Education.
The second position established at FHSU was the Voss Distinguished Professor of Leadership Studies, which was announced in May 2004.
Omer Voss attended high school in Phillipsburg and came to FHSU, where he majored in political science, graduating in 1937. He joined International Harvester in 1936 and retired as vice chairman of the company in 1979.
Voss and his family donated \$300,000 to create the distinguished professorship.
Dr. Curt Brungardt, who was chair of the Leadership Studies Department at the time, is now Voss Distinguished Professor of Leadership Studies and executive director of FHSU’s Center for Civic Leadership.

HHS football continues to struggle on offense

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The Hays High Indian football team has struggled with keeping possession the last two weeks.

Against Garden City, they fumbled seven times, losing the ball three times, including the turnover that cost them the game.

Last week, the Indians turned the ball over five times, but still managed to beat Goodland 24-7. Friday, the turnovers continued as the Indians lost possession three times in a 21-13 loss at Dodge City.

The Demons lost star quarterback Kale Pick in the first game of the season, but Mykael Thompson, one of the top wide receivers in the state, has filled in nicely.

The Indians found out the hard way. Despite playing only two quarters, Thompson rushed for 178 yards and a touchdown on 24 carries. He also completed 3 of 5 passes for 49 yards.

Thompson scored first in the game on a 20-yard run before Ryan Rounkles caught a 22-yard touchdown pass from Austin Klaus to even it up.

On the play after Thompson's game-ending injury, Demon running back Clayton Hubbell scored on a 10-yard run to give Dodge City a 14-7 lead. Hays opened the third quarter with a 74-yard touchdown pass from Klaus to Jason Ball, but a blocked kick left the Indians trailing by one. Hubbell would score again to seal the deal for the Demons.

Hubbell finished with 123 yards and two scores on 16 carries for Dodge City. Klaus completed 7 of 22 passes for 144 yards, 2 touchdowns, and 1 interception for the Indians. Ball caught 3 passes for 100 yards and a touchdown.

Indian running back Jesse Stewart came into

the game averaging nearly 100 yards a game but was held to just 27 yards on 19 carries. The loss drops Hays to 0-3 in WAC play, 2-4 overall.

While the Indians have struggled throughout the year, the season begins a new next Friday as rival Great Bend comes to town on Friday.

The game serves to finish out the WAC season, as well as begin district play. Great Bend is coming off a 34-14 win over Liberal, and has won 18 straight WAC games. With a win, Great Bend will take sole possession of the WAC title.

The Panthers are led by running back Chase Bieberle. Bieberle has over 600 rushing yards on the year for 8 touchdowns, and also has several long kickoff returns under his belt.

Under center, junior quarterback Derek Ellis is second in the league with 514 passing yards.

The Wichita Eagle has the Panthers ranked #1 in 5A, and #2 overall behind Hutchinson, the only team to beat Great Bend this year.

Things don't get much easier as district play continues for the Indians.

In week two, Hays High travels to Salina South, a perennial contender in 5A. The Cougars have no fared as well this year as in the past, but Salina has proven to be a difficult place to play in years past.

The Cougars lost to Hutchinson 49-7 on Friday. After Salina, the Indians host the Bullpups of McPherson.

The Eagle has McPherson ranked #4 in 5A, and #8 overall. Like Great Bend, McPherson's sole loss was to Hutchinson in week one of the season. Unlike the Panthers, the Bullpups gave the three-time defending 6A champion Salt Hawks a run for their money. Friday, McPherson spanked Valley Center 47-6.

WAC League Leaders

- Rushing (carr-yds-td)**
Smith (GC) 141-998-12
Jacques (LHS) 91-630-5
Bieberle (GB) 124-621-8
Thompson (DC) 82-552-7
Bach (LHS) 87-532-8
Stewart (HHS) 93-496-4
Covington (GC) 36-283-0
Hubbell (DC) 47-283-2
- Passing (c-a-td-int-yds)**
Watt (LHS) 36-63-3-7-762
Ellis (GB) 28-51-6-2-514
Thompson (DC) 17-34-1-0-364
Klaus (HS) 35-71-3-4-420
Smith (GC) 22-52-2-2-273
Holt (GB) 19-32-2-1-260
Pick (DC) 10-15-4-0-253
Maier (DC) 11-22-0-1-136
- Receiving(c-yds-td)**
Bieberle (GB) 7-232-1
Patterson (LHS) 8-229-3
Maier (DC) 7-229-2
Schultz (GC) 14-223-2
Ball (HHS) 10-214-1
Holt (GB) 11-217-5
Maier (LHS) 8-188-1
Head (DC) 7-137-0
Thompson (DC) 9-137-3
- Source: www.myspace.com/wacsportsks

- ### Football Standings
- Great Bend 3-0 (5-1 overall)
Dodge City 2-1 (4-2)
Liberal 2-2 (2-4)
Garden City 1-2 (3-3)
Hays 0-3 (2-4)

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